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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to instances weak in the East and Midwest, weak in the West. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate entering the weekend, with traders anticipating improvements for first of the month. Offerings were at least adequate to ample. In the parts structure wings, breast and tenderloins were adequate to ample, with wings long. Dark meat items were at least adequate to adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

Preliminary Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/01/04-11/05/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	58.00-61.00	39.00-75.25	60.02	30
Los Angeles	81.00			
New York	60.00-63.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	72.00-74.00	50.00-76.00	72.94	91

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
991	70.75-77.25	75.07

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.50	1,425
BREASTS - B/S	155.00	5,621
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.00	1,437
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.00	1,025
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,141
WINGS	95.50	2,995

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's trade into the Chicago area unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone cautiously steady, undertone weak. Offerings heavy on large birds, adequate on smaller ones. Trade interest shifting focus to traditional Thanksgiving proteins and showing little interest in acquiring any additional chicken. Demand into food service and retail accounts generally slow, occasionally moderate to fairly good for aggressively priced retail advertisements. Floor stocks in a full range, majority noted fully adequate to ample with reduced commitments for next week's incoming shipments. Weights desirable to slightly heavy. Buyer interest on parts was only for very competitively priced items. Parts supplies fully available and discounted to help stimulate interest. The market tone steady to fully steady on dark meat and steady to cautiously steady on leg quarters; barely steady to weak on other parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels light to moderate with hopes that first of the month will increase interest. Supplies fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure breast, wings and tenders adequate to ample. Other items adequate to instances available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, however mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly but still noted as only light to fair at best. Offerings of all sizes remained at least adequate to available for the light and selective buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement

light to no better than fair. The market tone about steady. In the parts complex, breast items fully adequate to available. Wings ample. Dark meat cuts at least adequate.

WESTERN Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent lower for next week's delivery. Reported trading on regular, and any new negotiations, were at lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample with sharp discounts noted to help stimulate seasonal buying activity. Retailer demand was moderate best where features in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was steady on leg quarters, steady to barely steady on breast, and barely steady to weak on wings.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona – boneless breast 399, boneless breast marinated 449, boneless breast and boneless thigh meat combo 349-379, boneless breast tenders 499, split breast 97-279, leg quarter 99, thigh 69-159, drumstick 79-99, ground chicken 379;

Colorado – whole body 75-100, whole cut-up 100-149, boneless breast 399-449, boneless breast IQF 3# bag 537, wing IQF 4# bag 599, boneless thigh meat 249, split breast 100-219, drumstick 100, thigh 100, leg quarter 100;

Idaho – split breast 127, drumstick 99, thigh 99, leg quarters 10# bags 490,

(deli food service – 12 piece mixed 699, zesty wings 12 piece 399);

Northern California – whole body 69, whole body free range 129-169, cornish hen 20 ounces each 2 for 5 dollars, boneless breast 399, drumstick 99-159, thigh 99-159, leg quarter 99 and 10# bags 390, whole leg free range 129-179;

Southern California – whole body 55-99, roaster 149, boneless breast 158-499, boneless breast and boneless thigh meat combo 199, boneless leg meat 79-118 and marinated 127, split breast 88-199, whole leg 99, leg quarter 58 and 10# bags 290-490, thigh 67-99, drumstick 67-99,

(deli food service – fried mixed 8 piece 499, 16 piece drumstick and thighs 698, breast strips 399, wings 299-449, rotisserie 498-499 each).

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased a bit for weekend and early first-of-the month needs, but overall activity was still noted as only light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate, instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies remained at least adequate across the board.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	58-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	66.58
NO. OF BOXES	7,978
CUMULATIVE	10/25/04-10/29/04 66.10
	10/27/03-10/31/03 62.95
NO. OF BOXES	10/25/04-10/29/04 38,846
	10/27/03-10/31/03 41,643

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 29

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	725	108.00-185.00	110-115	117.41	725	115.00-185.00	115-120	124.97	3,606	118.81	
TENDERLOINS	275	85.00-195.00	98-110	115.96	290	98.00-195.00	100-110	114.10	1,391	107.79	
BREAST - LINE RUN	145	65.00-94.00	72-76	73.14	99	75.00-94.00	75-78	78.86	560	76.34	
FRONT HALVES	100	45.00-57.00	45-48	48.60	TOO FEW TO REPORT					320	53.06
LEGS	98	25.00-50.00	27-29	29.49	73	27.00-50.00	28-29	30.62	392	29.72	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.56	331	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.86	2,413	25.55	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	978	25.00-32.00	27-28	27.69	1,273	25.00-31.00	26-28	27.46	5,480	27.61	
WINGS (WHOLE)	310	68.00-85.00	80-83	80.63	305	80.00-89.00	85-87	86.00	1,581	88.39	
WINGS (CUT)	545	92.00-105.00	99-103	102.23	666	99.00-110.00	100-103	101.52	2,603	104.73	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				250	34.52	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				125	33.56	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				444	73.99	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCT 28, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

34.00 - 43.00

37.08

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE****5-DAY AVERAGE**

37.50 - 42.00

39.75

39.79

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increase slightly entering the weekend but was noted as no better than fair overall. Breast items were available and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were fully adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, weak on wings and cautious on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

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CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	128.78	658,242
TENDERLOINS	105-110	113.45	97,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.71	90,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	73.58	112,080
LEGS	42-43	36.55	298,139
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	30.18	193,612
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	33.36	104,760
THIGHS	24-25	37.94	67,180
B/S THIGHS	75-76	73.58	75,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	97.89	88,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	28,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.06	16,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.67	24,600

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	124.95	733,080	127.37	3,600,154
TENDERLOINS	105-110	109.73	84,320	112.03	667,530
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	81.24	162,880	81.81	566,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	72.23	115,520	74.86	589,320
LEGS	42-43	32.58	207,720	34.18	1,392,062
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.98	249,794	30.13	1,581,829
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	35.42	110,950	33.82	594,340
THIGHS	24-25	38.72	111,190	37.22	382,450
B/S THIGHS	75-76	69.38	86,320	70.28	425,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	94.39	141,800	99.70	776,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	35,280	11.86	168,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.90	11,680	29.95	77,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.12	26,840	64.46	142,840

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)			
	10/29 10/28		10/27 10/26		10/27 10/26		10/22 10/20		
Alabama	4,061 4,074		3,871 4,011	5.16 5.31	4,476 5.35				
Arkansas	5,478 5,516		5,241 5,366	5.26 5.16	5,760 5.16				
Delmarva	2,230 2,275		2,264 2,237	5.62 5.65	2,186 5.70				
KY-LA-TN	2,118 2,116		2,088 2,090	5.00 5.04	2,223 5.05				
Mississippi	3,250 3,038		3,055 3,045	5.47 5.49	3,261 5.53				
North Carolin	2,646 2,535		2,495 2,496	6.46 6.35	2,593 6.40				
Texas	2,487 2,514		2,479 2,528	5.09 5.22	2,488 5.11				
Total	22,270 22,068		21,493 21,773	5.40 5.42	22,987 5.43				
Mon-Fri	110,243(A)				110,124(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Oct-04 and 30-Oct-04 is estimated to be 33,318,000 head down 3.41 percent from a week ago and up 6.16 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,494,000, last year 31,384,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 30-Oct-04 is estimated to be 159,820,000 head down 1.43 percent from a week ago, and up 1.31 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 162,135,000, last year 157,750,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-69
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	105-106
HENS OVER 5#	108-111
DUCKS	111
	91-93
	93-95
	175-188

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 16-Oct-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	25,113	23,483	50,724
Avg Weight	3.77	4.74	6.64
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%

Comparisons

Last week	18,335	17,184	45,156
Avg Weight	3.80	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	23%	21%	56%

Same week, yr ago /2	28,310	24,861	52,102
Avg Weight	3.77	4.79	6.27
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%

To date/2004	1,064,580	876,801	1,882,714
To date/2003	953,157	971,330	1,829,332

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 23-Oct-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	162,135	1,462	1,501	2,963	469
Head	5.41	3.37	8.08	5.76	6.47
Avg Wt	161,485	1,305	1,522	2,827	470
Last week	159,099	1,137	1,383	2,520	429
Same wk yr ago	5.25	3.44	7.95	5.92	6.84
Avg Wt	6,592,318	57,341	57,025	114,366	19,624
To-date/2004	6,487,037	61,438	59,179	120,617	17,378
To-date/2003					

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.1 million head, or 0.2 million more than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - OCTOBER 26, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.15	Silkie	2.50 - 2.75 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.15	Pigeons	1.40 - 1.60 ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 4.25ea.	White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.35 - .50	4-6 LBS	.98 - 1.15
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .50	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		6-9 LBS	.90 - 1.00
4-6 LBS	.40 - .50	Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	.10 - 1.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - .50	Goats	39.00 - 45.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.10	Kid Goats	25.00 - 30.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.25ea.	Doves	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.50ea.	Total Coops Sold	550

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 25-OCTOBER-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-151
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	63.00-70.50	68.00-70.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	66.00-71.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were moderate for current needs. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 25-OCTOBER -2004

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September 18	156.3	163.4	96%	5.33
25	163.7	164.3	100%	5.39
October 2	164.0	164.9	99%	5.35
9	163.6	165.1	99%	5.40
16	163.4	164.4	99%	5.46
23	164.1	163.9	100%	5.41
Year to date	6672.4	6784.8	98%	
October 30		163.4		
November 6		162.0		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	Under Federal Inspection				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	10/30/04	10/23/04	% CHG	11/02/03	% CHG
Broilers	159,820	162,135*	-1.43	157,750*	+1.31
Cattle	642	644	0	639*	0
Hogs	2,074	2,167	-04	2,145	-03

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fair to instances fairly good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
28-32 MAJORITY 28-29	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-33	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate to fairly good with offerings of spent hens generally adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were mostly steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-10	7-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were light and TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged to lower. Demand was good with offerings adequate for current full-time production schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-5	

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were clearing. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens from production areas. Finished sales were seasonal. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF OCT-25-04

CAPONS:

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons were in close balance with anticipated demand. Early bookings for the upcoming holidays are in progress. Weights were mostly desirable. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Quality was noted as good.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS.	1.65-1.80	MOSTLY 1.65-1.75
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GEESE:

Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese are in close balance with anticipated trade needs. Processing has already started. Quality and condition of production was noted as very good Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS.	2.40-2.55	MOSTLY 2.45-2.55
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PRICES REPORTED FROM LATE OCTOBER THRU MID DECEMBER

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